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SENTENCE REVIEW DIVISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF MONTANA

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| STATE OF MONTANA, |) | Cause No. DC-18-492 |
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| Plaintiff, |) | Missoula County District Court |
| |) | Montana Fourth Judicial District |
| -vs- |) | |
| |) | DECISION |
| WALTER LEON HILL, |) | |
| |) | |
| Defendant. |) | |

On March 6, 2019, the Defendant was sentenced to the Montana State Prison for ten (10) years for Count I: Promoting Prostitution, to run consecutively to the sentence imposed in Cause No. DC-13-475. The Court imposed a five (5) year parole restriction. The terms and conditions of probation were the same as set forth in the sentence imposed in Cause No. DC-13-475 as well as the special conditions set forth in the Plea Agreement. The Defendant was given credit for time served in the amount of 111 days.

On August 2, 2019, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence was heard by the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared by video conferencing from the Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Nate McConnell of the Office of the State Public Defender. The State was not represented.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.

Done in open Court this 2nd day of August, 2019.

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2019.

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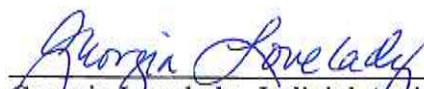

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